



Davie Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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The Davie Police Department is proud to announce the recipients of our 2013 annual employee awards. These awards were presented at the Davie F.O.P. Lodge 100's annual awards banquet on March 7, 2014. The Davie Police Department wishes to congratulate all recognized employees for a job well done. Those awarded include:

2013 Officer of the Year – Ofc. David Chin

On February 7, 2013, Ofc. Chin took a delayed residential burglary report. The burglary suspect was captured on video by the homeowner's security system. Due to Ofc. Chin's knowledge of the residents of the local community, Ofc. Chin recognized the suspect immediately. Shortly thereafter, Ofc. Chin made contact with the suspect and conducted an in-depth interview, which led to the suspect confessing to the burglary. This case is an excellent example of how Ofc. Chin routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty to assist the members of the community. Ofc. Chin's knowledge of the community, his excellent attention to detail, and his interview skills all contributed to the successful conclusion of this, and many other cases throughout the year. As a result, he was awarded Officer of the Year for 2013.

2013 Employee of the Year – Police Service Aid William Gallagher

On April 15, 2013, PSA Gallagher took a delayed business burglary report in the downtown Davie area. PSA Gallagher was able to obtain video surveillance of the burglary suspect, showing a clear view of his face. Recognizing that the burglary took place within the "Community Redevelopment Area" of the town, PSA Gallagher contacted the Community Oriented Policing unit and provided the picture to Officers assigned to the CRA area. He worked closely with Detectives and COP Units to identify the suspect. The suspect was located by Officers and was ultimately arrested. Their follow up investigation revealed that the suspect was also responsible for several other thefts that had occurred in the area. Due to PSA Gallagher's diligence and attention to duty, this offender was appropriately charged with multiple felony charges. For this, he was awarded Employee of the Year for 2013.

2013 Meritorious Service Award – Detective Edward Wong

Det. Wong was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his handling of a molestation case in which he obtained a confession from a suspect accused of molesting a young child. He is commended for a job well done.



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2013 Distinguished Service Award – Marge Jozwiak & Ofc. Chad Rosen

Marge Jozwiak was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for her continued work in assisting many needy and elderly persons in the community. Ms. Jozwiak is to be commended for her efforts and for “making Davie a better place to live” for many senior citizens in the community.

Ofc. Rosen was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his involvement as a Crisis Neogiator in a case involving a suicidal person who was threatening to jump from an overpass in the area of I-595 and the Florida Turnpike. Ofc. Rosen was the primary negotiator on the incident and was able to convince the subject to surrender rather than end his own life. He is to be commended for a job well done.

2013 Humanitarian Award – Ofc. Cherie Wasteney

Ofc. Wasteney was awarded the Humanitarian Award for her coordination of numerous blood drives and her organization of a Golf Tournament in which proceeds benefited the daughter of a Davie Firefighter who was diagnosed with leukemia. Ofc. Wasteney has gone above and beyond to assist the family of Piper Apfel, and for this, she is commended.

2013 Unit Citation – Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigations Unit was awarded the Unit Citation as a result of their work to solve crimes, recover stolen property, and pursue justice for victims of their cases. As a result of their work, the Criminal Investigations Unit was able to successfully file 430 criminal cases in 2013. The Criminal Investigations Unit should be proud of the work they have accomplished throughout the year.

2013 Lifesaving Awards – Ofc. John Strunk, Ofc. Michael Brown, and Ofc. Christopher Adams

All three officers were awarded lifesaving awards for their efforts in providing first aid treatment to patients suffering life threatening medical conditions. Their actions went above and beyond the call of duty and they should be commended for their efforts.

Officers of the Month:

January	Detective Edward Wong
February	Officer David Chin
March	Officer James Permenter III
April	Sergeant Timothy Fitzgerald Sergeant Shawn Ravine



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(April Cont'd) PSA William Gallagher

May Sergeant Mark Johnston

June Officer Michael Brown

July N/A

August Officer Angela Creel
Officer Brett Sollin

September Officer Chad Bishop
Officer Stephen Medley
Officer Jeffrey Stewart
Officer Paul Ortenzo

October N/A

November Officer Chad Rosen
Dispatcher Donna Gehr
Dispatcher Stephan Brooks
Dispatcher Veronica Pizzorni

December Officer Bryan Byrne

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